

# BUILDING A BETTER WORLD FOR ALL

## Columbia CROP Hunger Walk - 2025

Celebrating 30 Years of Walking & Working Together

### Sunday, September 21, 2025



**Stephens Lake Park – Gordon Shelter – off E Broadway**

- ♥ Our local partners provide food and meals to persons in need: Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen, Russell Chapel Community Food Pantry, Destiny Worship Center Food Pantry, 5<sup>th</sup> St Christian Church Feed the Community meal program & food pantry.
- ♥ Church World Service works with partners around the world to fight hunger and create practical, sustainable solutions to poverty – customized to each community.

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS: 2024**

Raised \$26,854.32  
Enjoyed 131 Walkers, plus more in spirit  
Miles Walked (including week before): 1,198  
Collected 542 canned food items  
2nd CROSS MO CROP WALK Hike & Bike  
CREAM OF THE CROP: #62 out of top 100 WALKS  
Participating Teams: 17

#### **GOALS: 2025**

Raise \$30,000  
Recruit 150 WALKERS, plus more in spirit  
Walk 1,500 miles (including week before)  
Collect 750 canned/boxed food items\*  
3<sup>rd</sup> CROSS MO KATY Trail CROP WALK  
CREAM OF THE CROP: rank #60 in top 100 WALKS  
Participating Teams: 20

## BUILDING A BETTER WORLD FOR ALL ... TOGETHER

1:00 – Registration opens. Turn in monetary donations & canned/boxed food items\*.

1:30 – Welcome Program ... meet our local partners. Walking begins.

Return to Gordon Shelter for snacks, activities, initial donations tally and music.

2:30 – Celebration Concert energizes us to Build A Better World for ALL!

\* Food items will be distributed to our local partners at the end of the day. Preferred items: canned tuna, chicken, pork, beef, peanut butter, baked beans, pork & beans, chili beans, canned chili, beef stew, chicken & dumplings. Boxed items: mac & cheese, hamburger helper, potatoes.

**Donate at the Park on CROP WALK Sunday or securely online:**

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/columbiamo>

<https://www.facebook.com/comocrop>

**Shakespeare's Pizza CROP Fundraiser – September 21 – All Day – All 3 locations.**

Get required coupon to earn 15% for CROP at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/columbiamo>

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Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty fundraising walks are community-wide events – sponsored and organized by Church World Service and local religious/community groups, like our Columbia CROP Hunger WALK Planning Team. Funds raised fight hunger in our community (25%) and across the US and around the world (75%). Learn more at <https://cwsglobal.org/>